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Mr Garrison. Dear Sir,

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Although to you a stranger, I have taken the liberty to forward you a copy of the Green Mountain Freeman, containing the proceedings of a Convention held in this (Orange County) recently, and followed by the remarks of the editor. What reason D. P. Thompson could have to make such a ~~bit~~ bitter and unwarrantable and bitter ~~xxx~~ attack upon you, is best known to himself.

The abolitionists of this County you will see are disposed to take other and higher ground than merely political action, and seek an opportunity to listen to, and cooperate with those who may differ with them in respect to voting. For myself, I have ever considered political action as secondary to moral and religious influence; even if we could <sup>rely</sup> upon the men we elect, to be consistent.

But when political abolitionists pursue such a course as they have in our Legislature this session, it is enough to make all true men renounce political action forever. In my ~~own~~ opinion Miss. Stow accomplished more for the Anti-Slavery Cause by the few lectures she gave here last Summer, than all our political <sup>action</sup> has been worth for the last ten years.

There is a desire manifested by all classes to have Miss. Stow come among us again, and I have



no doubt, but ~~that~~ <sup>that</sup> the people of this country  
with the exception of the clergy men generally, and  
a few bigots, would give you a candid hearing -

I hope that you will find it convenient and  
agreeable to give our committee a favorable  
answer, <sup>whenever</sup> they write in retation to their instructions.

I have no request to make in retation to your  
noticing the doings of our convention together with  
the celitors remarks, but leave it to you to treat  
the whole matter as you think best.

Truly yours in the cause of Freedom,  
Howard Griswold.

Wm Lloyd Garrison.